Invitation to
the Expert Seminar on the
Constitutionalization of Multi-Level Governance

Wednesday, 29 May and Thursday, 30 May 2013

On 29 and 30 May 2013 the Faculty of Law of Antwerp University, Research Group on Government and Law, organizes a closed expert seminar the constitutionalization of multi-level governance.

The seminar frames the evolution towards a system of multi-level governance in terms of constitutional adequacy, i.e. to fuse the systemic and structural analysis and theory with the concrete constitutional mechanisms that secure a balance between autonomy and cooperation.

Program

Wednesday 29 May 2013
13:00 Lunch and registration

Session 1 Systemic analysis of multi-level governance in the EU
Chair: Giuseppe Martinico (CEPC, Madrid)
13:50 Welcome address
Patricia Popelier (U. of Antwerp)
14:00 The EU as a 3 Dimensional constitutional space
Andrea Simoncini (U. of Florence)
14:20 Regions as grown-up actors in a MLG environment: autonomy and responsibility
Adam Cygan (University of Leicester)
14:40 The EU as a multi-level fiscal union: internalizing interdependencies at the EU and national level
Miguel Poiares Maduro (EUI)
15:00 Discussion
15:30 Coffee break
Session 2 Constitutional mechanisms: communicative hubs construing a network

Chair: François-Xavier Millet (U. Toulouse)

15:50 ‘Europe clauses’ and constitutional strategies at the face of MLG
Patricia Popelier (U. Antwerp)

16:10 National identity
Barbara Guastaferro
(U. of Napels, NYU Fellow 2011-12)

16:30 The many faces of subsidiarity in MLG
Werner Vandenbruwaene
(U. Antwerp)

16:50 Discussion

17:20 Reception

19:00 Conference Dinner

Thursday 30 May 2013

Chair: Johan Meeusen (U. Antwerp)

Session 3 Implementing multi-level governance: instruments

10:00 The directive as a cooperative instrument: efficiency and legitimacy
Thomas Vândamme
(U. Amsterdam)

10:20 The European courts and soft law
Oana Stefan (HEC Paris)

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 Participation by non-state actors
Joanna Mendes (U. Amsterdam)

11:20 Discussion

12:00 End seminar and lunch

Venue

The Seminar will take place at:

University of Antwerp
Grauwzusters, Lange St Annastraat 7
Room S.004
City campus Antwerp


Accommodation

We have arranged hotel facilities for our guest speakers at Keyzer Hotel, De Keyzerlei 66-70

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